

GATHERING

Voluntary: If You Will Only Let God Guide You.....arr. Craig Phillips

Welcome.....Erin Racine
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Christ is Arisen.....Hans Leo Hassler

† Processional Hymn No. 103.....St. Denio
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter
Liturgist: *God speaks to us in visions and through ordinary people.*
People: **Let us listen for the voice of God!**
Liturgist: *God welcomes us with open arms in the waters of baptism.*
People: **Let us share the gift of welcome as we open our hearts to others.**
Liturgist: *God invites us to bring our whole selves to worship.*
All: **Let us respond with joy to the gifts of God!**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
Welcoming God,
we confess that too often we fail to show hospitality to others.
In our judgement and fear
we insulate ourselves and our resources,
seeking protection from those who are different.
Forgive us, Gracious God.
Speak to us again of the abundance of your kingdom.
Remind us again that you created all people and called them good.
Open wide the doors of our hearts,
that we might welcome others with generosity and love.
Amen.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Laura Creekmore
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

A lesson from the New Testament: Acts 16:9-15.....(pew Bible, page 900)

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
The children are invited to join Erin at the chancel for the Children's Moment during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Sermon: A Vision in Purple.....Erin Racine

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

Salutation
Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Offertory.....arr. Tom Trenney
Will You Come and Follow Me- The Summons

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me? Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. (*John L. Bell*)

† Doxology.....No. 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Reception of New Members

Liturgist: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these persons are now entrusted to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 102: Now Thank We All Our God.....Nun Danket

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Alleluia! Alleluia!.....Hans Leo Hassler

Voluntary: Postlude on Now Thank We All Our God.....David Cherwein
The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.

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The altar flowers are given today by Earl and Marilyn Henry to the glory of God and in memory of Lt. Commander Earl O'Dell Henry, lost-at-sea in the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, and in memory of his wife, Jane Henry.

Vera Pearl Hall, daughter of Randy W. Hall and Elizabeth Walton Hall, will be presented for baptism today in the late service.



West End United Methodist Church

WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Sunday Activities

Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal*.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
Adult Handbells*.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Youth Small Groups*.....5 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Activities

Meal*.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Class Offerings*.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Children’s Choir and Youth Handbell Rehearsals*.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal*.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed, childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit www.westendumc.org or see the bulletin insert.

*August-April

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus

Cover art: Charles Hooper

Liturgy: Erin Racine

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger, director. Minister of Music, Matthew Phelps, assisting at the organ.

Today’s Music: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,” first appeared in six stanzas with the title, “Now Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the Only Wise God,” in Walter Smith’s *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*, published in 1867. After being revised multiple times, it was included in *The English Hymnal*, 1906, where it first appeared with the Welsh tune St. Denio which we still use today. “Now Thank We All Our God,” was written as a two stanza family table grace during the Thirty Years War. The hymn is known as the “German Te Deum,” and is sung universally as a thanksgiving hymn or as a general hymn of praise.

PASTORAL STAFF

Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
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Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
Maggie Jarrell.....Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
Stacey Harwell-Dye.....Pastor of Missions & Outreach
Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

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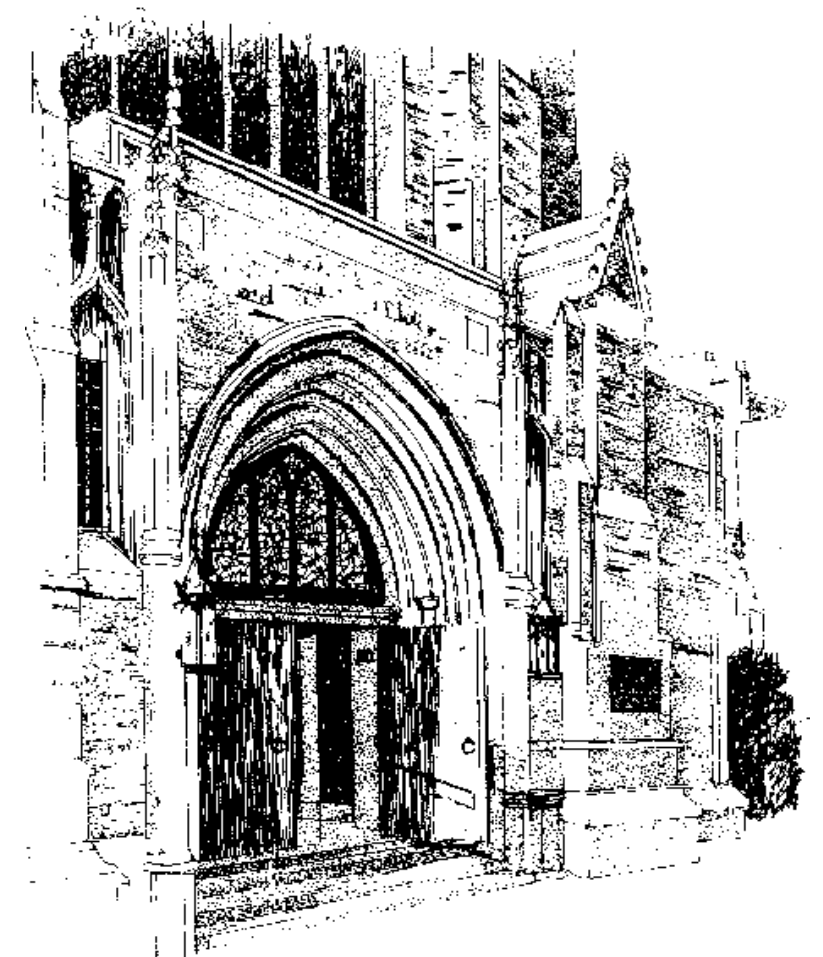
WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

Lynn McClary.....Executive Director
Charity Van De Griek.....Receptionist & Administrative Assistant

INTERNS

Katie Minnis.....Young Adult & Spiritual Formation
Scott Brons.....Music
Rachel Ternes.....Youth

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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